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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Stig Steen )  
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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Honorable Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Applicants, through their undersigned attorney, respectfully requests a one month extension of time for responding to the outstanding Office Action dated August 13, 2001.

A response to the Office Action was originally due November 13, 2001. With this filing, the period for response is thus extended up to and including December 13, 2001.

An Amendment and Oath/Declaration are being filed concurrently herewith. A check for \$55.00, which includes the large entity extension of time fee is included herewith. The Commissioner is authorized to charge additional fees to SGR Deposit Account No. 02-4300; Order No. 033314.548931. Similarly, please credit any over payment to SGR Deposit Account No. 02-4300.

Respectfully submitted,

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